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MEGA POWER PROJECTS BY FOREIGN COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) : whether some developed countries and foreign power giants have expressed their willingness to set up mega power projects in India;

(b) : if so, the details thereof;

(c) : whether the Government propose to permit them to set up mega power projects in India; and

(d) : if so, the extent to which the shortage of power is likely to be met?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER

(SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) : Under the revised Mega Power Policy announced by Government of India in November, 1998, certain power projects have been identified as mega power projects, both in the public as well as private sector. Under this policy, the identified projects in the private sector would be awarded, as far as possible, through a process of International Competitive Bidding (ICB). The ICB process has already been initiated in respect of the Pipavav Mega Power Project (2000 MW) in Gujarat. The Hirma Power Project (6x660 MW) in Orissa, for which the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed in September, 1994, is being developed by M/s CEPA of Hong Kong on the negotiation route. Some foreign as well as Indian companies have evinced interest in developing the Pipavav project.

(b) : The following foreign companies have evinced interest in the development of the Pipavav project:-

S.No.	Name of the Foreign Company for which interest evinced	Country	Mega Power Projects
1.	Electric de France (EDF)	France	Pipavav
2.	Enron International	U.S.A.	Pipavav
3.	National Power	U.K.	Pipavav
4.	ABB Energy Venture	Sweden	Pipavav
5.	Intergen	U.K.	Pipavav
6.	Shell	Holland	Pipavav
7	British Gas	U.K.	Pipavav
8.	Bayernwerk A.G.	Germany	Pipavav
9.	TNBE (Tenaga National Berhad Engineers)	Malayasia	Pipavav
10.	CLP International	China	Pipavav
11.	CEPA, Asia	Hongkong	Pipavav

(c) As already mentioned above, M/s CEPA have already been identified as the promoters for development of the Hirma Mega Power Project in Orissa. The decision to permit the selected developer for the Pipavav project to set up this project can be taken only after the selection process of the preferred bidder gets completed.

(d) An additional capacity of around 15000 to 20000 MW is likely to be added through the identified Mega Power Projects and the power shortage would be addressed to this extent.